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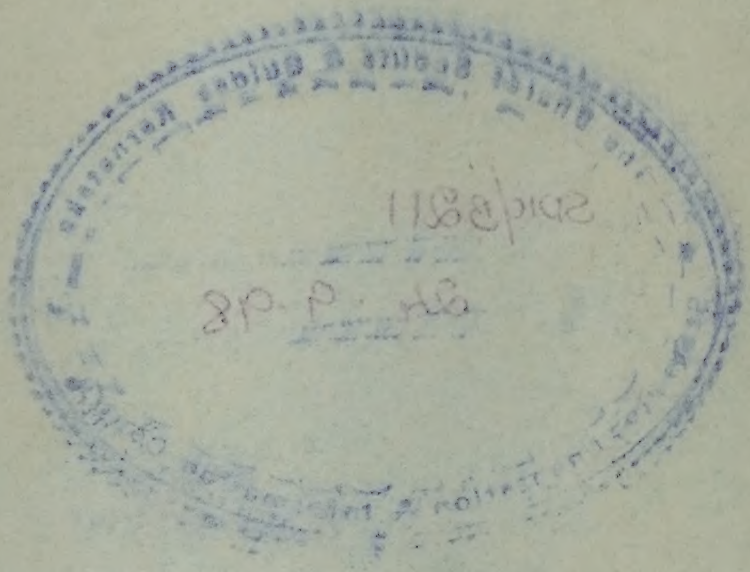

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By: Shri Jawaharlal Nehru - *Prime Minister of India.*

It is strange how, out of a multitude of ideas that are thrown out from time to time, most of them, perhaps fade out and disappear from men's vision, or are suppressed for a time, till they come up again. Other ideas catch on because, there are two things that have to happen before an idea catches on. One is that the idea should be good; and the other is that it should fit with the temper of the age. If it does not, even a good idea may be passed by. Evidently, when the founder of this movement started this idea of Scouts—Lord Baden-Powell-he happened to catch the right moment for it, the psychological moment. And so, it caught on, and as has just been said by one of the speakers, it spead rapidly all over the world. And now, the word "Scout" itself has not only the ordinary dictionary meaning of the word-whatever it might be but it has a specific meaning connected with the great movement. So I am here to welcome yon as representing this great idea which spread all over the world in this particular shape and form during the last fifty years or more.

I remember to have read a phrase by Lord Baden Powell-just about, almost, exactly, twenty years ago, that it was the purpose of this organisation to build up the next generation which is sane in an insane world. I suppose it was very soon after Lord Baden-Powell said that that the second world war broke out, and, for a number of years devastated large parts of the earth's surface. His message, evidently, did not go far then. Well, whether it goes very far or not, the message

was the right message, and we have to try to be sane even though all kinds of forces in the world drive us almost to insanity. And, an organisation of this type, more particularly, influencing the minds of the young, of the growing, can have a very powerful influence in that direction.

It is an extraordinary thing that while on the one hand the growth of communications, the growth of technology, science and all that have brought nations much nearer to each other than ever before, have made, of course, every country the neighbour sitting on the threshold of the other country have brought internationalism,-in fact, it is difficult to think of a country isolated from other countries-, but, at the same time, in spite of this tremendous growth due to technological advance and other advances, the spirit of narrowness still prevails over most countries, if not all. In spite of this internationalism in the world, most of us are still narrow and, perhaps, egotistically national. We see this amazing conflict today in the world. Every intelligent appreciation of the forces in the world leads one to the conclusion that the only way to survive in this world is to develop this international character, in fact,to make it One World, as people have said. And yet the minds of men, or most men, still function in those narrower grooves and are still influenced by these rivalries, national rivalries and conflicts. We see these two forces at play and, we hope, and I believe that the forces which bring people together, will triumph instead of those which separate and bring confiict. The future will show what will happen.

At the present moment, all that we can do is, first of all, to have faith in that future of co-operation and, secondly, to work for it in such ways as we can. And, an organisation of this kind is, I think perhaps, more important from the point of view of working for that than many organisations of grownup people who try to solve the world's problems by some patch-work, formulae or arrangement which have, perhaps, no basis in their minds or hearts. Because, ultimately, I suppose, it is the way the younger generation is brought up that will affect the future. It is really the schools today all over the world, and later, I suppose the

Colleges, but more particularly the schools, that will influence the future of the world. And the Scout Movement, spread all over, very specially affects this younger generation in schools.

So, in this tremendous drama of the world, we as individuals and we as a movement and an organisation like the Scout organisation, can play a definite part-not in the political field, I mean, but in creating that atmosphere of fellowship, comradeship and understanding which is far more important than political understandings which are not, some-time, based on real feelings of the mind and the heart.

So, anything that takes us out of that narrow groove, helps. It opens out our minds to other grooves and other ways of thinking. That, in itself, is a tremendous help. The Scout movement, no doubt, does that ; it is meant to do that ; to take young boys out of what might become grooves of thought, make them meet others, play with others, have adventures with others, and make them understand that possibly there are many ways of doing things ; there are many approaches even to truth. Truth is not the monopoly of any one individual, any one group and, if I may say with all respect, of any one religion. That understanding itself is the beginning of a wider and more tolerant approach which helps greatly. Because, ultimately, while reason and logic count, and should count, of course, in the world's affairs, most of us are pushed this way or that way by our likes and dislikes, prejudices, inherited approaches and the like. These are the grooves in which we live. The more we pull ourselves out of those grooves the more we understand each other and the more the world becomes a larger home for us and not only the limited home that we may have.

I often think of a very great man who lived in India long ages ago, more than two thousand years ago. He was an emperor, the Emperor Ashoka who has left almost all over this vast country and even beyond his message carved on rock and stone. It is still there, the original message in the original rock ; many such messages which you can see. Among those many messages is one in which he is of course, addressing his people. He says : ' Respect your faith ; respect also the faith of the

other person. If you respect the faith of the other person, he will respect your faith. If you do not, then, he will not respect you and your faith will go down in his eyes'. Something like this. It is one of the messages carved on huge—boulders, on rocks, which still exist after 2,300 years.

That is essentially a message of tolerance, of trying to understand each other, respecting each other; not necessarily believing in, but respecting the other's faith. I am not talking about the realm of religion only, but of other realms too, each of which counts for so much and create so many barriers. So, perhaps the Scout movement may well be said to represent, among other things, this message of a very eminent Indian ruler who lived 2,300 years ago in this country and whose name is still revered here because he was a man who was successful in war but in the middle of war he gave up war and said "War is not good enough ; I shall devote myself in future to peace and peacealone".

There are few instances I suppose of a man giving up war who was successful in the war and in the middle of success just turning away from it. It is a noble example to remember.

There are noble examples, of course, in every country. Great men have come to every country and have left their messages and the messages which have been messages of peace and comradeship and brotherhood have lasted through centuries and ages. The other messages have gradually faded away because peace and understanding in common humanity are, after all or ought to be, the basic urges of human beings, and not war or conflict. I take it that this great organisation which has now existed for half a century or more represents essentially those urges. And that is why, I am sure, it will grow and its success will be in the measure of humanity advancing towards these goals.

I welcome you again.

Imperial Headquarters,
25, Buckingham Palace Road,
LONDON.
October 5th 1959

Heartiest congratulations of 50th Birthday—you have achieved much in Half Century—My Best Wishes—Many years happy Scouting.

Charles Maclean,
Chief Scout,
British Commonwealth.

29, Dongerse Road,
BOMBAY-6.
October 29th 1959

On this golden mile-stone of the 50th Anniversary of this very useful and important movement I send my congratulations to all and hope and trust that this movement will continue to flourish and spread extensively and be in the service of the people of 'Bharat Mata.' There is ample scope for expansion and for work. I am sure that our movement will fulfil its objective. The Scouts & Guides will be disciplined soldiers in the service of the people.

MANGALDAS PAKVASA,
President,
Bharat Scouts & Guides.

Pratap Kuti, Karve Road,
POONA-4.
November 2nd 1959.

Dear Friend,

It is really a proud previlege for Mysore State in general and Bangalore City in particular to have started the first Scout Troop in that city in 1909.

The flame that was lighted in Bangalore in 1909 is burning constantly for the last 50 years and not only that the inspiration has spread everywhere but now there are thousands of places in this country, where Scout flames are burning.

Recently India had the honour of having the International Conference in Delhi, and Bangalore Troop must be proud of this occasion.

I learn that you are celebrating the Jubilee in the fittest possible manner. and I congratulate the Scout, the Scouter, the management, the Group Centre & Dt. Association.

I wish the function a great success.

D. P. JOSHI,
National Org. Commissioner,
Bharat Scouts & Guides.

New Delhi,
October 27th 1959

I am glad to learn that you are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in November 1959. I send my very best wishes for the success of the Jubilee celebrations. May the united and valued services of the many devoted Scouts and Scouters of your State lead to a better understanding and may they continue to do more fruitful work for the welfare of the rising generation.

SAROJ GHOSH,
National Secretary,
Bharat Scouts & Guides.

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I am delighted to know that Bangalore South District Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides is celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary and that it had the proud privilege of forming the first troop of India in the garden city of Bangalore in 1909. Scouting, apart from encouraging holding rallies, competitions, exhibitions, etc., moulds character, creates friendship, comradeship and internationalism. Scouting encourages self-confidence leadership and co-operation. The Scouts and Guides of India have played a noble part and I hope they will try to extend Scouting and Guiding in rural parts.

I wish your celebrations all success.

M. CLUBWALA JADHAV,
Chief Commissioner (Guides)

10, Fernie Hill Road, Edinburgh-9.
SCOTLAND. U. K.
October 27th 1959

In an age when the maintenance of World Peace is such a vital matter to all nations and peoples, I believe the Scout and Guide Movement has a very important role to play.

There can be a few world-wide movements based, as ours is, on a true spirit of brotherhood in which colour, caste and creed have no place and in which the leaders-from highest to lowest-are looked upon as 'ELDER BROTHERS' and not as dictators, directors or rulers. I believe firmly that if all members of this grand movement will earnestly 'DO THEIR DUTY TO GOD' and endeavour 'TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES'-not only 'ON PARADE' but at home and school as well, the Movement will have a profound and lasting influence in fostering World Brotherhood and farthering World Peace.

If we in the Bharat Scouts & Guides remember that a Scout is a Scout at all times and do our best to live out the Scout Law to our very fingertips, not only Bangalore but the whole world will feel the beneficial impact of this greatest of all World Youth Movements.

With Best Wishes for Bright Scouting and Guiding.

IAN T. HALL,
President, St. John's Hill Local Association.

The National Council of The Union of Burma Boy Scouts

December 7th 1959.

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated 23rd October 1959, requesting us to send a message for publication in your Golden Jubilee Souvenir, reached us only in the last week of November, too late to send a message in time for your celebrations.

The Union of Burma Boy Scouts Association is very happy and honoured to send warmest fraternal greetings and congratulations on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of scouting in India and special greetings to the City of Bangalore for the honour of starting the first troop in India.

We assure you that we note your progress with very great happiness and take this opportunity to wish you further achievements in this noble cause.

With sincere and best wishes to every member of your association.

Yours in scouting,

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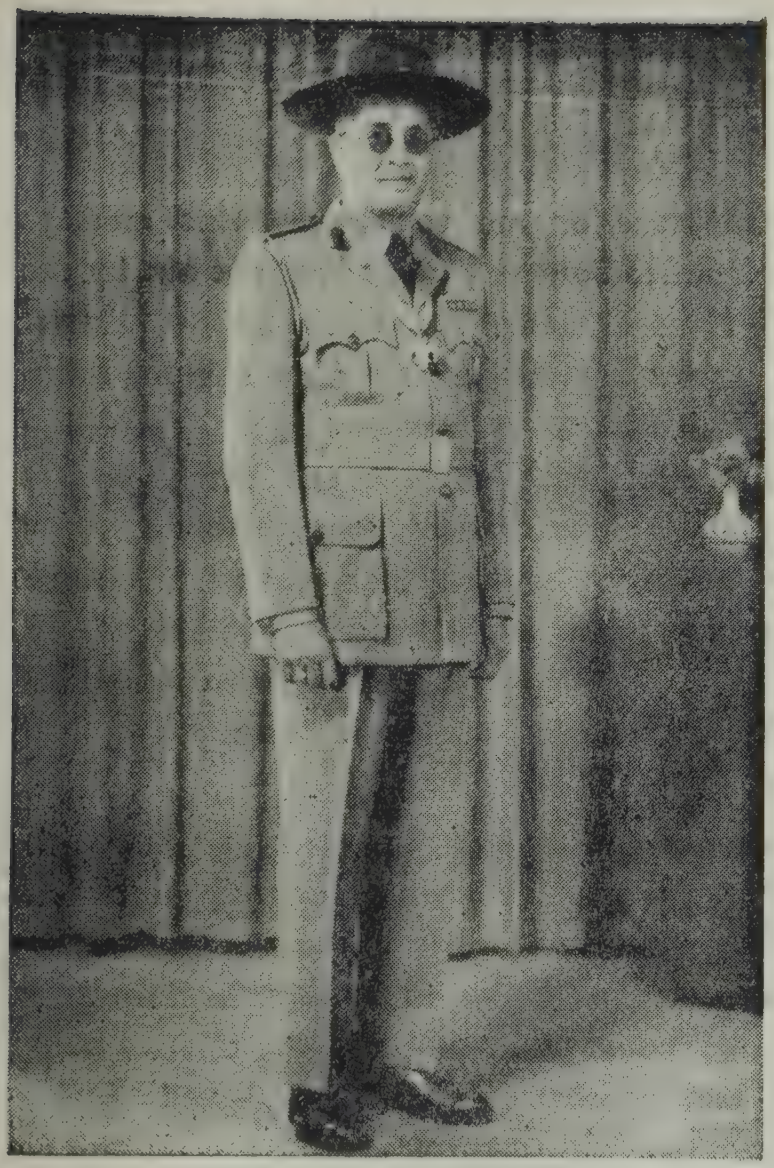
Hony. National Gen. Secretary.



J. B. MALLARADHYA,
M.A., I.A.S., (Retd.), M.L.A.
State Chief Commissioner
Bharat Scouts & Guides
Mysore State

Dr. V. K. SUNDARAM,
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D. C. C., (Ex. Lt. Col. D. M. S.)
Member, Training Team,
Bharat Scouts & Guides, Mysore State

It is a matter of genuine pleasure for me to convey this message for inclusion in the Golden Jubilee Souvenir to be brought out by the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Mysore State, Bangalore South District Association. Fifty years of useful service in the cause of the Youth, is a record of which the Bangalore District Association might feel justly proud. I have watched with very great interest the work of this Association for nearly ten years as State Chief Commissioner and I testify to the commendable spirit of service that has animated the leaders connected with this movement in this area. The Scouts and Guides of this District have generally maintained a high standard of proficiency, in the context of other Associations in the State.

Scouting and Guiding lead men and women, boys and girls on to revel in widening Vistas, to more intense and joyous living, to fuller and more active trading with their increasing number of talents and to a daily recurring round of adventures, thanks to looking at humdrum life from the Scout and Guide point of view. Scouting offers a mass of suggestions for adolescent and adult open air life; Wood Craft; Camp Craft; training in observation and mental capability; hobbies; handicrafts; good-turns; the study and practices of ideals contained in Scout Law; adjustment of oneself to the many possibilities and obligations of life in a community; and character training for citizenship. Having regard to these considerations, Scouting is admittedly one of the greatest experiments in a Scheme of Education and should in fact become an integral part of a Scheme of National Education. Herein lies the value and importance of Scouting and Guiding.

I would exhort the young men and women who are associated with this Movement, to press forward with hope, to mix it with optimism and temper it with a sense of humour to enable them to face difficulties with a sense of proportion, to press forward with **Faith**, in the soundness of the Movement and the possibilities of its future, and to press forward with **Love** which is the most powerful agent of all. The spirit of Love is after all the spirit of God worthing within you. Look wider, look higher, look forward. A way will always be seen. It is indeed a patriotic effort on the part of the Bangalore South District

Association that they should be earnestly trying during the last fifty years to bring up the younger generation entrusted to their care with mutual understanding and comradeship, with an eye to future good will and co-operation.

I wish the Golden Jubilee Celebrations all success and the Souvenir a wide circulation and general appeal.

Bangalore,
26th Feb. 1960.

J. B. MALLARADHYA,
State Chief Commissioner,
Bharat Scouts & Guides, Mysore State

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF THE BANGALORE SOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, CIVIL AREA, BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, MYSORE.

Welcome Address by the President of rhe Association,
Capt. Rao Bahadur A. Thangavelu Mudaliar

Hon'ble the Chief Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen, Scouters and Guiders

I have great pleasure to welcome you all to this Inaugural function of the GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the Bangalore South District Association. The Association feels very much beholden to the Hon'ble the Chief Minister of Mysore, Shri B. D. JATTI for graciously agreeing to inaugurate this evening these Jubilee Celebrations. We are

aware how he is preoccupied with various matters of administration. The readiness with which he has responded to our invitation is an indication of perennial interest he has in the Scout Movement.

It is, I believe, quite apt that I should give a brief indication of the uniqueness of this District Association, which after completing a useful existance of 50 years, is now celebrating its GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Sir, this Association the first of its kind to be set up in India, began in a very small way in the Autumn of 1909, thanks to the vision of the late Captain T. H. Baker who had settled down in this Civil Station after his distinguished service in the Maori War of 1864-6. At first there was only one Troop to which the Scouts of all different schools belonged. W. P. Pakenham-Walsh, R. E., held the First Camp for the Bishop Cotton School boarders in September 1909 at Pennukonda and these boys formed the first Troop to join Capt. Baker from that School. At first the Scouts were mainly drawn from the European and Anglo-Indian Schools, and the Association was affiliated directly to the Imperial Head-Quarters at London. In 1912 when the Indian Head-Quarters came into being this Association naturally became affiliated to it. Even at that early stage among the many useful activities undertaken by this Association was the publication of a Scout paper called "Ye Indian Scout". It also established its own home, on Station Road, and was rightly called "The Scout House", by its first occupant the late Captain Baker.

The usefulness of this organisation in training young persons as good citizens was fully realised by the then Resident in Mysore, The Hon'ble Mr. W. P. BARTON, C.S.I., C.I.E., and an amalgamation of the Indian Boy Scout Movement and the Imperial Boy Scout Movement took place in 1920. His Excellency the Viceroy became the Chief Scout in India and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales the Patron of the Indian Boy Scouts.

A Troop of Indian Boy Scouts was started in 1920 by the Bourdillion Y. M. C. A. and came to be known as 1st Cantonement Troop. A local Association was organised with Mr. Shirley Tremeanre as Chairman, Rao Bahadur B. P. Annaswamy Mudaliar as Vice-Chairman and Major Steele as its first Secretary. Since then the Boy Scout Movement has progressed steadily.

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To- day this Association has

10 Commissioners,
25 Scout Troops,
38 Cub Packs,
5 Rover Crews,
75 Warrant Officers,
580 Boys Scouts
860 Cubs.

300 Guides, 450 Bul. Buls, and 80 Guiders.

This, in short, is the history of this Association. From the beginning this Association has been forunate in having intrepid and enthusiastic leadership of men like Capt. Baker, Lt. Pakenham-Walsh, Rao Bahadur B. P. Annaswamy Mudaliar, Rao Bahadur B. G. Rajagopal Moodr, Rao Bahadur B. A. Madavaraya Mudaliar and has been able to prosper from strength to strength.

I now request you, Sir, kindly to inaugurate the GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, and before resuming my seat once again express my intense gratitude to you for so readily responding to our invitation.

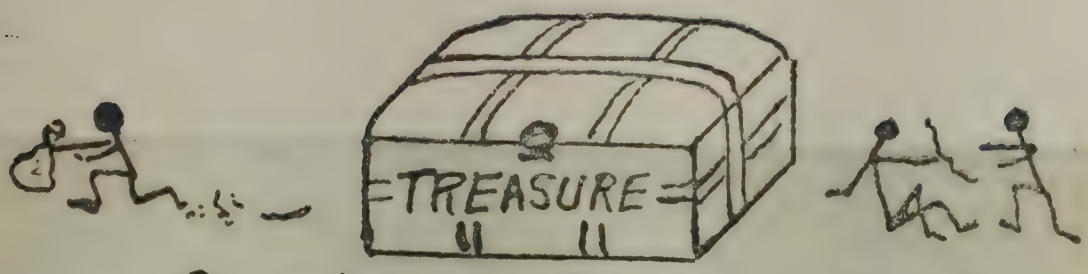
Speech delivered by Shri B. D. JATTI, Chief Minister of Mysore while inaugurating the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Bharat Scouts and Guides at the Bishop Cotton Boys' High School, Bangalore on 1st November 1959.

Chairman, District Commissioners of Scouts & Guides, Scout-masters, beloved Scouts & Guides, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to preside over the inaugural function of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Bharat Scouts and Guides here this evening. I am proud to tell you on this occasion that the movement was first started in this very city in 1909 from where it spread all over India,

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell was the founder of this movement. He was born in London of February 22, 1857, to Professor Baden- Powell of Oxford, was educated at Charterhouse. joined the 13th Hussars Regiment in 1876 in which regiment he served in India, Afghanistan and South Africa. In 1895, he was appointed to command the native levies in Ashanti and was the Chief Staff Officer in the campaign of 1896-97 in Matabeleland. He rendered meritorious service in the defence of Mafeking in 1899-1900 and was promoted as Major General and later as Lieutenant-General in 1908. It was he who organised the South African constabulary in 1900-1903. It was he again that founded the famous organisation of Boy Scouts in 1908 which led in 1910 to his founding the organisation of Girl Guides with the co-operation of his sister, Miss. Agnes Baden-Powell. These two movements have spread in most civilized countries. These two organizations are mainly responsible for making the life of boys and girls into a well disciplined one. These movements have taught boys and girls all over the world the spirit of sacrifice and service. These movements have bound the boys and girls of the world in a silver chord of love and thereby have established a single united beautiful unit of the young ones who constitute the cream and hope of the world. The duties of Scouts, if properly understood and strictly followed, will surely bring about a wonderful change in the world threatened by wars and I am sanguine about the movement paving the path for world peace.

"JAI HIND"



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It ended in a close finish with a Squirrel just winning. As this registers the fourth successive win for this Patrol the game will now be called "The Squiggee Treasure Hunt"

Several young T. Fs came back eight knots wiser. A useful and interesting morning.

LIEUT. COLONEL W. P. PAKENHAM - WALSH

Reprinted from "Irish Rimes" May 22, 1929

LIEUT - COLONEL W. P. PAKENHAM - WALSH.

The death has occurred in Bombay, India, of Lieutenant-Colonel Winthrop Pakenham Pakenham-Walsh, Royal Engineers, after a brief illness.

Lieutenant-Colonel Pakenham-Walsh was closely connected with Ireland, and particularly with County Dublin. Son of the late Right Rev. W. Pakenham-Walsh, then Bishop of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin, and of Mrs. Pakenham Walsh, he was born at The Palace, Kilkenny, in 1883. He was educated at Birkenhead School, and Aravon, Bray. He passed into the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich in 1900, and received his commission in the Royal Engineers in the following year, After service in Chatham and Belfast he went to India in 1907. He was still serving there on the break of the Great War, and joined the 3rd Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners with the Lahore Division in December 1914. He served with that unit through the battles of Festubert, Neuve Chapelle and second Ypres, and was then invalided home. After a period of light duty, he returned to India. and served as Assistant Director of Works with the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel, with the East Persian Cordon Force. Here he was charged with the construction and maintenance of 800 miles of road from railhead at Duzdap to Askaoad, in North-East Persia. For this service he was mentioned in despatches. In 1919 he took part in the operations in the neighbourhood of Fort Sandeman, and received the medal for those operations.

He continued to serve in India till 1925, when he returned to England, and, and was till the end of last year Staff Officer to the Chief Engineer, Northern Command, at York. In July, 1928, he was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel, and in February of this year he returned to India, where he was serving as Commander, Royal Engineers, Bombay District, at the time of his death. Few details have been received, but it would appear that his last illness was a very short one.

Though distinguished in his career as an officer of the Royal Engineers, Colonel Pakenham-Walsh was probably best known for his activities in connection with the Boy Scouts, in which he became keenly interested in the early days of the movement. Commencing in 1910 with a troop at Bishop Cotton's School, Bangalore, he was at the outbreak of the Great War, Assistant Chief Commissioner for Scouts in India. Later he was closely connected with several troops in Ireland, particularly that at Shankill, of which his younger brother, now Lieutenant-Colonel R. Pakenham-Walsh. Royal Engineers, was first Scoutmaster, and Aravon School, Bray. Wherever he went he threw himself with great energy into the movement, and was a double Silver Wolf and Deputy Camp Chief. He was also interested in his old school Aravon, Bray, of which he had recently compiled a register of old boys. He was a keen genealogist, and was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland. In Shankill, where he usually spent his leave at Crinken House with his mother, Mrs. Pakenham-Walsh, he was well known, and had many friends among all classes, by whom he will be greatly missed.

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Miss G. PAKENHAM-WALSH,
Dist. Commissioners (Guides),
Tirunelveli District.
Madras State.

Megnanapuram.

November 1, 1959.

Dear sister guides, guiders, brother scouts and scouters, I congratulate warmly on the tremendous advances you have made and on your 'GOLDEN JUBILEE' and I wish you every success in the future. The ways of Providence are strange and it is a very great pleasure and privilege to be with you all here today and to participate in your 'GOLDEN JUBILEE' especially as you are in the Bishop Cotton Boys School, where my elder brother Herbert was the Prinicipal.

It was really a surprise to me when I received a letter from Bangalore stating that my brother Late Maj. Winthrop Pakenham-Walsh, was one of those who started the Scout Movement in India. It was his inspiration and interest in scouting which prompted me to help in Girl Guiding work in Ireland and India. We always say that 'ONCE A SCOUT / GUIDE IS ALWAYS A SCOUT / GUIDE'. But do we really live up to it. You all know the Scout / Guide Law. A Scout / Guide is useful and helps others. By helping others i. e. an old lady who enrolled me about 40 years ago I became a Guide.

Scout / Guide promise and law has great things in it. A Scout is a scout and Guide is a guide. Stick to the Scout / Guide principles. Live as a Scout / Guide throughout your life. As B.-P says "Try and leave this world little better than you found it."

Thanking you all once again for allowing me to join in this celebration.

(Miss Pakenham-Walsh is the sister of Late Major Pakenham - Walsh).

LAST MESSAGE TO GUIDES

My dear Guides,

This is just a farewell note to you, the last that you will have from me. It is just to remind you, when I have passed on, that your business in life is to be happy and make others happy. That sound comfortable and easy, doesn't it? You begin making other people happy by doing good turns to them. You need not worry about making yourselves happy, as you will very soon find that that comes by itself, when you make other people happy, it makes you happy too. Later on, when you have a home of your own by making it a bright and cheery one you will make your husband a happy man. If all homes were bright and cheery, there would be fewer public houses and the men would not want to go out to them but would stay at home. It may mean hard work for you, but will bring its own reward, then if you keep your children healthy and clean and busy they will be happy. Happy children love their parents. There is nothing that can give you greater joy than a loving child. I am sure God means us to be happy in this life. He has given us a world to live in that is full of beauties and wonders and He has given us not only eyes to see them but minds to understand them if we only have the sense to look at them in that light. We can enjoy bright sunshine and glorious views. We can see beauty in the flowers. We can watch with wonder how the seed produces the young plant which grows to a flower which in its turn will replace other flowers as they die off. For, though plants, like people, die, their race does not die away but new ones are born and

grow up to carry on The Creator's plan. So, do you see, you women are the chosen servants of God in two ways; first, to carry on the race, to bring children into the world to replace the men and women who pass away; secondly, to bring happiness into the world by making happy homes and by being yourselves good, cheery comrades for you husbands and children. That is where you as Guides especially come in. By being a 'comrade,' that is, by taking an interest in your husband's work and aspirations, you can help him with your sympathy and suggestions and so be a guide to him. Also, in bringing up your children by strengthening and training their minds and characters as well as their bodies and health, you will be giving them to the better use and enjoyment of life. By giving out love and happiness in this way, you will gain for yourselves the return love of husband and children, and there is nothing better in this world. You will find that Heaven is not the kind of happiness somewhere up in the skies after you are dead but right here and now in this world in your own home. So guide others to happiness and you will bring happiness to yourselves and by doing this you will be doing what God wants of you.
God be with you.

BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL

LAST MESSAGE TO SCOUTS

My dear Scouts,

If you have ever seen the play 'Peter Pan' you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech, because he was afraid that possibly, when the time came for him to die, he might not have time to set it off his chest.

It is much the same with me; and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days, and I want to send you a parting word of good-bye.

Remember it is the last you will ever hear from me, so think it over I have had a most happy life, and I want each one of you to have as happy a life too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life.

Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career; nor by selfindulgence.

One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God had made the world for you to enjoy.

Be contented with what you have got, and make the best of it; look on the bright side of the things instead of the gloomy one.

But the real way to get the happiness is by giving out happiness to other people.

Try and leave this world a little better than you found it, and when your turn comes to die you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have DONE YOUR BEST.

'Be Prepared' in this way to live happy and to die happy – stick to your Scout Promise always – even after you have ceased to be a boy – and God help you to do it.

Your friend,
BADEN-POWELL of GILWELL

LAST MESSAGE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

My life has been an intensely happy one, not only in my own home circle but also in the world outside it.

I would like, before I go home, to say how grateful I am to hundreds, and thousands, for kindnesses they have rendered to me. I have been deeply touched from time to time by that jolly goodwill which I have met with from brother Scouts and from fellow subjects of all stations in life throughout the Empire. Nor has this goodwill been confined merely to fellow countrymen, for men of other nationalities have given me their friendliness in the same way.

It has been due not to anything that I have done for them, since in a great number of cases they have been entire strangers to me, but it has been the expression on their part of the kindliness that lay in their character. It has helped very largely to making my life the happy one it has been and developed still more widely in the next generation so that more lives will be made the happier and the practice, not merely the precept, of the Christian ideal of peace and goodwill amoung men may become general.

Looking back on a life of over eighty years, I realise how short life is and how little worth-while are anger and political warfare. The most worth-while thing is to try and put a bit of happiness into the lives of others.

BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL

Some landmarks in the history of Scouting in Mysore

Scouting was first introduced in Mysore in 1918. When the Govt. of India approved of the formation of Scout Troops among Indian Boys, it was decided to organise the Scout Movement for the inculcation of "Loyalty, Patriotism, Self-Discipline and esprit de corps among boys", as was stated in the Government Order approving of the establishment of "Boy Scouts of Mysore."

The services of Mr. F. C. Irwin, a Canadian Englishman were secured for organising the movement and regular scouting began with the first Training Camp in the State held in April - May 1918 in Bangalore City. By October 1918 there were nearly a dozen troops and by the end of the first year Mr. Irwin was able to report that there were 850 Scouts in about 35 troops in the State.

Mr. K. S. Kamath who succeeded Mr. Irwin in 1919 as Director, and who had gained experience in the Indian Boy Scouts Association started by Dr. Annie Besant, organised the first All India Scout Rally at Nandi Hills in December 1921, His Highness the Chief Scout, the Yuvarajah of Mysore, appeared in the uniform of a Scout and that was an unique occasion as His Highness was the first Chief Scout in India to preside over such a gathering clad in a simple shirt and a pair of shorts like any other scout and that was a tremendous gain to the Scout idea. The Kolar District Board presented a big silver Mace costing about a thousand rupees and the 10th Bangalore Troop won the coveted Trophy.

The First Mysore State Scout Conference was held in 1923 at Byaderhalli. The Conference decided to organise the Rover and the cub branches of the movement on a wider scale, to start Local Associations and District Scout Councils in important centres and to carry scouting to the villages by organising troops in important hobli centres. The Second All India First Aid Trophy for the Mace was held at Channapatna in May 1923 was presided over by His Highness the Yuvarajah, the Chief Scout. This was followed by the Dasara

Scout Rally at Mysore when His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore reviewed the Scouts and presented the Flag to the Maharajah's Own Troop-the 28th Bangalore Troop.

Rovering gained ground rapidly in the University Colleges. Similarly Cubbing grew in popularity and cubs were extremely fortunate in having for their Chief Cub none other than our beloved Governor of Mysore who was then Prince Jayachamaraja Wadiyar. The Chief Cub was invested by his father, the Chief Scout at a unique Incestiture Ceremony in October 1927. In order to give publicity to the movement two magazines, 'The Mysore Scout,' an English monthly and 'Mysore Makkalu', a Kannada monthly were published.

From these early beginnings with the help and encouragement given to it by the Mysore Royal Family, the State Government and the public, the movement has made considerable progress in the State. The training programme of Scouters has been organised on a systematic basis with she Training Centre at the Central Scout Camp Doddballapur.

With the merger of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide organisation into the Bharat Scouts and Guides and affiliation to the National organisation the movement has been reorganised to serve the needs of the people of Independent India.

To-day there are 5 Rover Crews, 25 Scout Troops, and 38 Cub Packs in this District with a strength of 80 Rovers, 580 Scouts, and 860 Cubs, and 75 Officers. There are 20 Guide Units with 400 Guides and 600 Bul - Buls.

Under the brilliant, dynamic and able leadership of Sri. J. B. Mallaradhya, M. L. A. the present State Chief Commissioner for Scouts and Guides the movement in the State is constantly enlarging the scope of its activities and extending its usefulness to the public.

OFFICE BEARERS — 1941—42

Right to Left :

Mr. M. Abdul Latheef, Rao Sahib B. A. Madhavaraya Mudaliar, Rao Sahib B. G. Rajagopal Mudaliar, Capt. Rao Bahadur A. Thangavelu Mudaliar, Mr. H. H. Carleston, I. C. S. (Chairman). Capt. A. H. Jones, R. E.

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CUB SECTION

TOTEM POLE—presented by the Association in 1926.

1. Clarence High School Pack.
2. King George School Pack.
3. Regimental Children's School Pack B.

BURKE SHIELD—presented by the Hon. Lt. Col. Sir Richard Burke, Kt., in 1926.

1. King George School Pack.
2. St. Joseph's Indian High School Pack.
3. Clarence High School Pack.

PLOWDEN SHIELD—presented by the Hon. Lt. Col. C.T.C. Plowden in 1926.

1. King George School Pack.
2. St. Joseph's European High School Pack.
3. Clarence High School Pack.

SCOUT SECTION

PEAR'S FLAG—presented by the Hon. Mr. S. E. Pears, Former Provincial Chief Scout in 1926.

1. St. Joseph's Indian High School Troop A
2. R. B. A. N. M's High School Troop A
3. Regimental Children's School Troop B.

SIR ISMAIL AMBULANCE CUP—presented by Hajee Sir Ismail Sait, Kt., in 1926.

1. King George School Troop—Team B
2. St. Joseph's Indian High School Troop— Team D
3. King George School Troop—Team A

PIONEERING SHIELD—presented by the Executive Committee of the Association in 1926.

1. Regimental Children's School Troop A
2. St. Joseph's European High School Troop
3. R. B. A. N. M's High School Troop B

ROTARY SAFETY FIRST SHIELD—presented by the Bangalore Rotary Club.

1. St. Joseph's indian High School Troop—Team A
2. Baldwin Boys High School Troop
   King George School Troop—Team B
3. King George School Troop—Team A

SCOUT SIGNALLING COMPETITION

1. King George School Troop—Team B
2. St. Joseph's Indian High School Troop—Team C
3. St. Joseph's European High School Troop—Team D

ROVER SCOUT SECTION

PURUSHOTHAM NAIDU ROVER SHIELD—presented by Elgin Flour Mills in 1958.

1. R. B. A. N. M's Rover Crew
2. St. Joseph's Rover Crew
3. Rotary Rover Crew

BULBUL SECTION

ACTION SONG COMPETITION

1. Hindu Balika Patasala.
2. Goodwill Girls' High School.
3. Regimental Children's School
   CEZM Zenana Mission School
   Kamalabai's Girls' High School.

KNOTS COMPETITION

1. Kamalabai's Girls' High School
2. CEZM Zenana Mission School
3. Corporation Urudu School

PLAITING RELAY

1. Kamalabai's Girls' High School
2. Ramakrishna Vivekananda Vidyalaya
3. Corporation Urudu School

GUIDE SECTION

NATURE COMPETITION

1. St. John's Middle School
2. Bishop Cotton Girl's School
   Goodwill Girl's High School
3. CEZM Zenana Mission School.

FIRST AID COMPETITION

1. Baldwin Girl's High School
2. St. John's Middle School
3. Regimental Children's School
   Bishop Cotton Girl's School

KNOTS COMPETITION

1. Bishop Cotton Girl's School
2. Baldwin Girls' High School
   Kamalabai's Girls' High School
   CEZM Zenana Mission School

GENERAL

SCOUT SECTION EXHIBITION—BEST EXHIBITS.

1. St. Joseph's Rover Crew
2. R. B. A. N. M's High School Troop
3. Regimental Children's School Troop

GUIDE SECTION EXHIBITION - BEST EXHIBITS

1. Ramakrishna Vivekananda Vidyalaya Company
2. Bishop Cotton Girl's High School Company
3. Hindu Balika Patasala Company

GENERAL TURNOUT & MARCH PAST—SCOUT SECTION.

1. King George School Group
2. Baldwin Boys High School Group.
3. Clarence High School Group

1. Bishop Cotton Girls High School Comapany
2. Kamalabai High School Company
3. St. John's Middle School Company
   Sacred Heart High School Company

BEST BAND SET IN THIS DISTRICT.

St. Patrick's Orphanage & School Troop

OFFICE BEARERS SINCE THE INCEPTION

Chief Scout & Provincial Commissioners

1921	Hon. Mr. W. P. Barton, C. S. I., C. I. E.,
1925	Hon. Mr. S. E. Pears, C. S. I., C. I. E.,
1930	Hon. Maj. A. G. Loch, I. A.,
1931	Hon. Lt. Col. R. J. C. Burke, I. A.
1933	Hon. Mr. C. T. C. Plowden, C. I. E ,
1936	Hon. Mr. L. G. L. Evans, C. I. E.,
1937	Hon Mr. C. T. C. Plowden, C. I. E.
1938	Hon. Lt. Col. J. H. Gordon, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C.,
1942	Hon. Lt. Col. D de M. S. Fraser, C. I. E.
1944	Hon. Lt. Col. P. Gaisford, C.I.E.,
1947	Hon. Lt. Col. Sir. Walter Campbell, Kt., C. I. E.,
1948	His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
	(The Scout Association was reorganised)

PRESIDENTS

1913	Brig. Gen. R. Wapshare
1921	Lord Ruthven, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
1924	Col. Comdt. H W. Jackson, C.S.I., D.S.O.,
1925	Maj. Gen. A. L. Tarver, C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O.,
1930	Maj. Gen, C. R. Newman, C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O.,
1934	Maj. Gen. G. Fleming, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
1938	Maj. Gen. E. F. Norton, D.S.O., M.C.,
1941	Maj. Gen. A. P. D. Telfer Smollett, C.B., D.S.O., M. C.,

1943	Maj. Gen. J. G. Bruce, D.S.O., M.C.,
1945	Brig. J. J. P. Connolly.
1946	Mr. P. M. Jayarajan, I.C.S.,
1948	Mr. N. Puttarangaswamy.
1956	Capt. Rao Bahadur A. Thangavelu Mudaliar.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (SCOUTS)

1922	Rev. G. Wilkins
1923	Rev. F. Goodwill
1924	Rev. G. Wilkins
1927	Capt. W. Wailing
1930	Ma'. J. H. J. Hayhurst
	Capt. J. P. Williams
1931	Rev. W. Bellin
	Capt. J. P. Williams
1940	Capt. D. H. Biscoe
	Rev. Cannon W. Elphick
1943	Rev. Cannon W. Elphick
1946	Capt. J. P. Williams
	Mr. M. Abdul Latheef
1947	Capt. J. P. Williams
1948	Mr. M. Abdul Latheef
1958	Mr. V. P. Deenadayalu Naidu, B.A., LL.B., M.L.A.

HONY. SECRETARIES

1909	Capt. T. H. Baker, R.I.M. (Retd).
	Maj. F. A. Steele, V. D.,
	Mr. T. Mangesh Rao,
1921	Mr D. Murtie, O.B.E., I.S.O.,
1924	Mr. B. A. Madhavaraya Mudaliar,
1947	Mr. K. S. Venkataraman,
1948	Mr. A. M. Ramamurthy.

CENSUS FIGURES

YEAR	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1921	1925	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950	1955	1959
Commissioners ...	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	5	7	6	4	5	6	10
Troops ...	5	1	5	5	5	7	19	24	18	16	19	16	19	24
Packs ...	...	...	...	1	2	2	5	9	20	34	38	42	43	35
Crews ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	3	5
Scouters ...	5	5	3	7	4	6	41	46	61	86	72	70	65	72
Cubs ...	...	...	...	22	71	80	68	202	483	874	893	964	913	840
Scouts ...	138	166	108	174	150	149	424	507	661	481	473	413	537	576
Rovers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	39	7	11	...	60	85

Milestone In Civil Area Scouting

1909 November	Rocognition accorded to the Bangalore Local Association by the Imperial Head quarters, London, under the initiative of Cap. T. H. Baker. Thus the first Troop of Scouts in India was formed with boys from Bishop Cotton Boys School, St., Joseph's College and St. Andrew's free school.
1910 Summer	1) First Camp of Scouts in India at Sausmond. 2) First public function attended by Scouts in India — The Memorial Service for King Edward VII
1911 December	Visit of King George V. Conference for formation of Indian Scout Head quarters. Capt. Baker elected as General Secretary of Indian Headquarters.
1913 February	Highest award in Scouting 'Silver wolf' was awarded to Capt. Baker.
1916	Cubbing introduced.
23rd July 1917	Capt. T. H Baker passed away.
1921	Lord Baden-Powell visits India.
10th October 1924	First Recorded Training Camp arranged by the Association at Chickaballapur.
1925 July	First Scout Craft Exhibition at No. 3, South Parade.
1926 November	Scout week introduced. The following Competition were started: 1) Pear's flag. 2) Sir Ismail Ambulance Cup. 3) Pioneering shield and 4) Totem Pole.
28th July 1927	Visit of their Excelencies Viceroy and Lady Irwin to Bangalore. Special Rally at the Residency.
1930	Rover Scouting introduced
18th December 1932	A Rover Wood Badge Course was run by the Association under Mr. G. T. J. Thaddens.

1933	1) Visit of their Excelencies Viceroy and Lady Wellington.
	2) Visit of Col. J. S. Wilson, Camp chief Gilwell Park.
	3) Three Rovers from the Association attended the 4th world Jamboree at Godollo. Viz. M/s. Ragunatha Rao, V. D. Viswanath and V. T. Padmanabhan.
1934 February	All India Scout Conference at Delhi.
1937	1) Lord Baden Powell's second visit to India Jamboree. A contingent from the Association attended.
	2) Visit of the Chief Guide of the world-Lady Baden-Powell.
6th October 1938	Visit of the Scout Chief Commissioner for India, the Nawab of Chhatari to Bangalore, Special Rally at Civil Area Scout Headquarters.
24th December 1940	Mysore State Rally at Cubbon Park. A contingent from the Association attended.
26th December 1940	First Patrol Leader's Training Camp.
8th January 1941	Lord Baden - Powell passed away and laid to rest in Kenya with full Military Honours.
15th January 1941	Rally to mourn the loss of Chief Scout of the world, Lord Baden - Powell.
14th May 1945	Victory Celebrations at Central Hotel Compound.
1948 June	1) Association merged with the Boys Scouts of Mysore.

	2) A Contingent of the Association attended the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Madras Scout Association.
1950	Merger of Boys Scouts Association in India and Hindustan Scout Association, to form the "Bharat Scouts and Guides".
1951	"The Girl Guides Association of India" joins the "Bharat Scouts and Guides."
1953	Association represented in the State contingent to the All India Jamboree at Hyderabad.
1955	Scout Bhima Rao attended the 8th World Jamboree at Montreal in Canada as Mysore State Representative.
1956	A contingent of the Association attended the 10th State Rally at Tumkur and also represented in the State Contingent to the All India Jamboree at Jaipur.
1957 July	Local Associations formed. Jubilee Jamboree—Indaba—Moot at Sutton Park, England.
1958 November	Visit of Mr. G. V. Fernando, Field Commissioner, Far East International Bureau of the Scouts.
1959 August	Scout Ranjit attended the 10th world Jamboree at Manila, Philippines.

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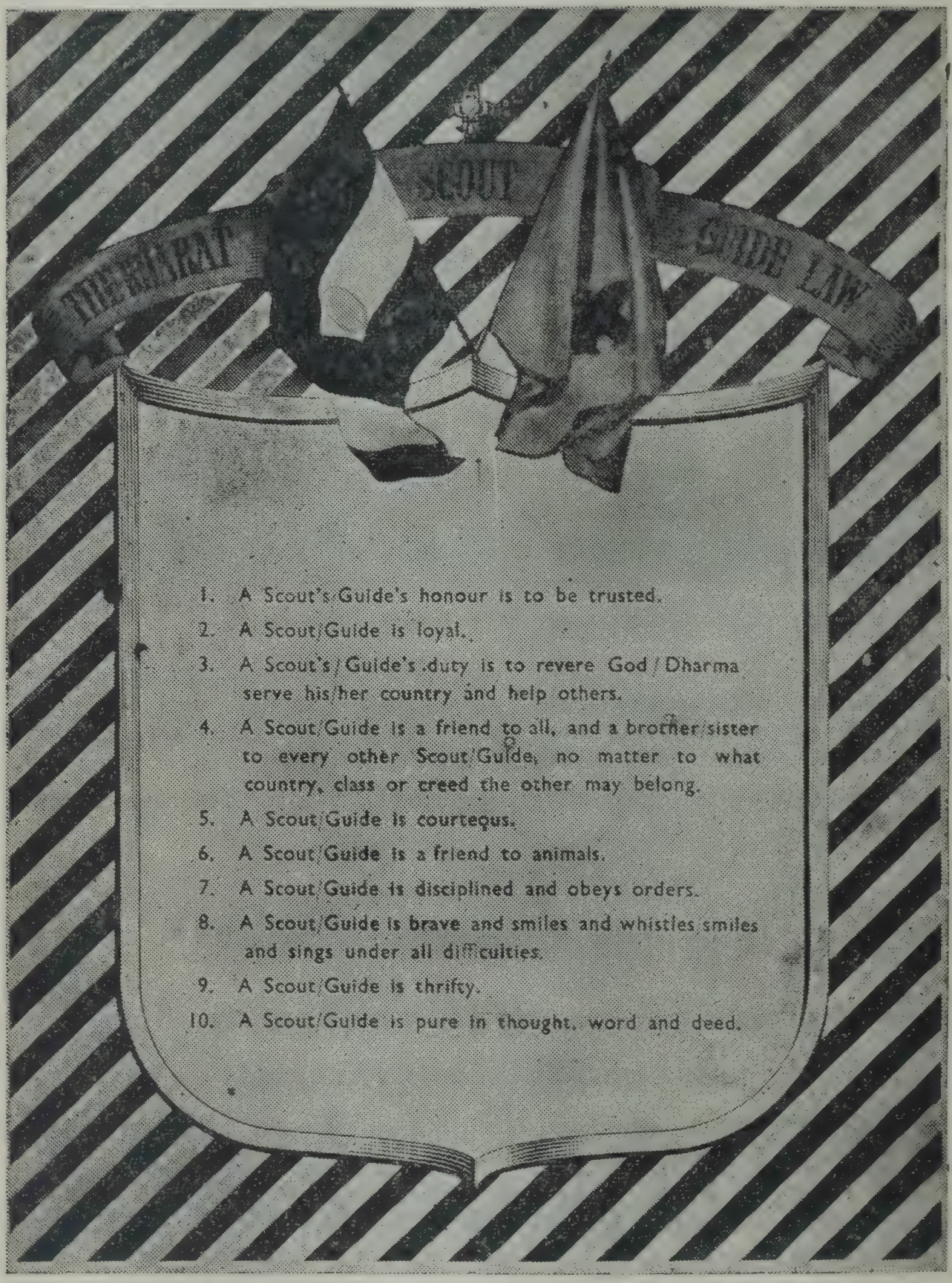

1. A Scout's Guide's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Scout/Guide is loyal.
3. A Scout's/Guide's duty is to revere God / Dharma serve his/her country and help others.
4. A Scout/Guide is a friend to all, and a brother/sister to every other Scout/Guide, no matter to what country, class or creed the other may belong.
5. A Scout/Guide is courteous.
6. A Scout/Guide is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout/Guide is disciplined and obeys orders.
8. A Scout/Guide is brave and smiles and whistles smiles and sings under all difficulties.
9. A Scout/Guide is thrifty.
10. A Scout/Guide is pure in thought, word and deed.

Golden Jubilee Inauguration
President Captain Rao Bahadur A. Thangavelu Mudaliar,
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LET THE BROTHERHOOD GROW

Boys and Girls do not know what to do with their spare times. Generally they waste it. But they would be very happy if they find something to do - something worthwhile.

Let Scouters and Guiders plan to draw these idle boys and girls to the Movement. They are, at present, indifferent because they do not know the Movement. A simple way can be that a Scout or Guide may bring in a boy or girl and regard it as a good turn-as it really would be.

It is not a fact that boys and girls do not want to join the Movement. They have never been invited to do so, in the right way. When a companion who is already in the Movement, explains its various advantages, he or she is enjoying- particularly a happy company; these new boys and girls will be only too eager to join. The charm of a picnic, a hike, the camp and a campfire, will necessarily attract them.

The Leaders have to prepare a list of boys and girls in the neighbourhood who are likely to come in, and then formulate a plan by which to attract these possible recruits to the Movement. The plan should be simple and effective. But the Leaders must first see that their training is good and that they make the outdoor life interesting and colourful. Then alone our Scouts and Guides will have the necessary enthusiasm to attract fresh recruits; it will be with their own touches that they will lit the fire in others to join the Movement.

This leads to another question – the programme. It must be carefully drawn before hand. A Scoutmaster who comes unprepared, and orders in a hurry, " Quick March " and then tries to think what to do next, is likely to frighten away his Scouts. The programme must be complete in all respects—technique, games, competition, dramatization ; all must find a place, not only for the day but for the whole week, in advance.

It is planning - an all round planning-that counts.

Capt. A. THANGAVELU MUDALIAR

1886 - 1960

Capt. Rao Bahadur A. THANGAVELU MUDALIAR, was the President of the Bangalore South District Association from 1952 to 1960.

He was actively connected with Scouting and Guiding in Mysore State in general and Bangalore Civil Station right from its inception in 1909. He has done a great deal for the movement. We are deeply appreciative of the spirit of service and devotion to the cause of the Youth that prompted him to render help at all times to the movement. We have suffered the loss of a devoted, zealous and earnest worker.

May his soul rest in peace.

List of Office Bearers & Executive Committee
1959-60

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